system and apparatus -- for those that are using a pool of assets over a period of time. (SELIGMAN HARVESTER® is a registered trademark of Seligman Advisors, Inc.) The invention has a broad range of applications to individuals as well as foundations, corporations, partnerships or any other entity, and is particularly applicable to retirees seeking to sustain a standard of living for the remainder of their lifetime based on their wealth accumulated over the course of their working life. The invention can also be applied, for example, to a pool of assets derived from an inheritance, winning a large sum of money, earning a large sum of money over a short period of time, the assets of a foundation or any pool of assets where there is a risk of depleting the asset base while withdrawing income over time. The method and apparatus of the present invention have applications to local area networks (LAN) or wide area networks (WAN), such as the Internet, as well as conventional communications systems such as electronic mail, facsimile and voice telephony.--

On page 1, please delete the second paragraph beginning "The invention -- the Seligman Harvester$^{SM}$" and substitute therefor:

--The invention -- the SELIGMAN HARVESTER® risk management system and apparatus -- provides a methodology for seeking investment solutions that retirees can live with right now, as well as 10, 20, or 30 years from now or for any time period. The invention is based on the interaction of: (1) a hypothetical distribution of investment outcomes for a specific asset allocation, and (2) specified fixed dollar and fixed percent withdrawal amounts to generate a hypothetical illustration of a distribution of possible portfolio values and withdrawal amounts over a designated time period to facilitate a recommended asset allocation and withdrawal strategy. The hypothetical distribution of investment outcomes is generated using a "Monte Carlo" ("MC") software program which utilizes a random number generator and the actual rate of inflation ("CPI") for each year going back to 1950 and the actual, year-by-year total returns for 75 different portfolios with different mixes of Domestic Large Cap, Mid Cap, and Small Cap stocks; International Large Cap, Mid Cap, Small Cap and Emerging Markets stocks; Corporate, Government and Inflation Index Bonds; and 30-Day Treasury Bills. In other words, the

MC program selected the year-by-year actual returns in random order and then linked the corresponding returns for each of the 75 different portfolios.--

On page 5, please delete the first full paragraph beginning "The above-mentioned and other objects . . . ." and substitute therefor:

--The above-mentioned and other objects of the invention are met by a new and improved method and apparatus, *i.e.*, the SELIGMAN HARVESTER® risk management system and apparatus, for generating a hypothetical illustration of a distribution of possible portfolio values and withdrawal amounts over a designated time period to facilitate a recommended asset allocation and withdrawal strategy. The hypothetical illustration of the invention is generated by the method and apparatus of the invention which interacts: (1) a hypothetical distribution of investment outcomes for a specific asset allocation; and (2) specified fixed dollar and fixed percent withdrawals.--

On page 7, please delete the second full paragraph beginning "FIGS. 1A-1C are an exemplary . . . ." and substitute therefore

--FIGS. 1A-1C are an exemplary SELIGMAN HARVESTER® Workbook form for determining a client's fixed dollar withdrawal, fixed percent withdrawal and total withdrawal.--

On page 7, please delete the third full paragraph beginning "FIG. 2 is an exemplary . . ." and substitute therefore:

--FIG. 2 is an exemplary SELIGMAN HARVESTER® Proposal Request Form for use with the Hypothetical Illustrator of the invention.--

On page 16, please delete the second full paragraph beginning "As a consequence of this research . . ." and substitute therefore:

--As a consequence of this research, the inventors developed the following methodology for determining a withdrawal strategy and an asset allocation for an entity or individual that is using a pool of assets to sustain a standard of living. The methodology is

applicable to individuals as well as foundations. The following 10 steps are illustrated in the exemplary SELIGMAN HARVESTER® Workbook shown in FIGS. 1A-1D:--

On page 18, please delete the sixth full paragraph beginning "Thus, following the foregoing preferred criteria . . ." and substitute therefore:

--Thus, following the foregoing preferred criteria, including completion of the SELIGMAN HARVESTER® workbook shown in FIGS. 1A-1D, a client and their advisor can determine a specific asset allocation and withdrawal strategy. A SELIGMAN HARVESTER® Proposal Request Form (FIG. 2) specifies the proposed withdrawal strategy (____% fixed dollar; _____ % fixed percent) and asset allocation. The client/advisor are now in a position to use the Hypothetical Illustrator of the invention to obtain a SELIGMAN HARVESTER® recommended asset allocation and withdrawal strategy.--

On page 23, please delete the fifth full paragraph beginning "By way of example . . ." and substitute therefore:

--By way of example, Mr. & Mrs. M.T. Nester and their advisor submit a SELIGMAN HARVESTER® Proposal Request Form. As shown in FIG. 6A, the proposal sets forth the following information for input into the Hypothetical Illustrator:--

On page 24, please delete the fourth full paragraph beginning "In a second example, . . ." and substitute therefore:

--In a second example, Mr. & Mrs. M.T. Nester and their advisor submitted a SELIGMAN HARVESTER® Proposal Request Form. As shown in FIG. 7A, the proposal sets forth the following information for input into the Hypothetical Illustrator:--

On page 26, please delete the third full paragraph beginning "By way of example of an on-line communication . . ." and substitute therefore:

--By way of example of an on-line communication, an individual (or their advisor) can